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Friday 22nd January, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that this email finds you and your families well. Another week has passed in which we have seen all members of our Ilsham family pulling together.

As always on a Friday, I wanted to end the week with an update for you all. Hopefully, you find these letters useful and have all of the information you need in one place.

Remote Learning and Live Sessions

It has been wonderful to see so many of you engaging so well with your learning at home. We really do know how challenging it is for you all but we are pleased to see that over 85% of our stay-at-home heroes are engaging every day or nearly every day with the learning that their teachers have set for them. As I said in last Friday's letter, please be kind to yourself and if you need further help or support, please just contact your child's class teacher and they will help with adapting the learning even more.



The live sessions with teachers have gone especially well this week and it has been lovely to see so many children on them. Keep connecting with your teacher as we also know that your friends love to see you, too.

During these sessions, could we please ask that all children are dressed when they attend rather than wearing their pyjamas etc. Thank you for your support with this.

Tea and Talk Sessions – Another Chance to Connect

This Thursday (28th January), with a slightly revised time of 12.45 pm to 1.30pm, we will be hosting a weekly live session for parents to join together virtually. The session this week will be hosted by myself and Mr Grinsill and is an opportunity to check-in with each other and for us to be on hand to answer any queries and offer any support we can. There will be no formal agenda for this first session.



If you contact Miss Lea in the office from Monday morning onward, she will be able to send you the link for you to join.

We look forward to seeing you there and don't forget your cuppa!



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Plea for Laptops

We have just received our Government allocation of 9 laptops to distribute to families which we will start to do from the middle of next week. We actually have many more families who would really benefit from having a laptop to use at home to access learning. If anyone has an old laptop at home that they no longer need as it may have been replaced etc. and would like to donate this to the school, we would love to accept it. We have a team who work across our Trust who can repurpose them for our children to use. It would be great if you could also ask other members of your family or colleagues. Thank you – any donations will be gratefully received.



Testing for Primary School Staff

As you may be aware from media reports, lateral flow testing will be available for primary and school-based nursery staff from next week. Lateral flow devices are used to detect asymptomatic cases. These are an additional measure to be used alongside the robust identification, isolation and testing of symptomatic pupils and staff to detect cases and break chains of transmission. Staff without symptoms (asymptomatic) will be invited to undertake weekly testing using the lateral flow devices. Any staff with symptoms, will continue to isolate and test through the national testing network.

Teacher Absence and Illness

Earlier this week, I shared with you the updated Remote Learning Plans for EYFS and Years 1 to 6. In these updated versions, there is a section about teacher illness. The links are below.

https://ilsham-lap.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/EYFS-Remote-Learning-Plan_-Information-for-Parents-UPDATED-JAN-2021.pdf

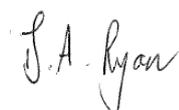
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Unfortunately, there will be times when teachers are ill and at these times, feedback on learning will not be possible in the same way. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding with this.



Please look after yourselves and enjoy your weekend together. Thank you for your ongoing support. Remember that we are here for you.

With my very best wishes,



Miss Ryan
Head of Academy